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SUBJECT: LOS: EFFORT INVITE PRG TO PARTICIPATE IN LAW
OF SEA CONFERENCE

REFS: A. VIENNA -175 B. STATE 216882

FOR THE AMBASSADOR

1. WE ARE DISTRESSED AT REFTEL A REPORT THAT GOA HAS
TENTATIVELY TAKEN POSITION TO ABSTAIN IN VOTE EXPECTED NEXT
WEEK ON INVITATION TO PRG TO PARTICIPATE IN LOS CONFERENCE.
YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT WE VIEW THE PROSPECT OF ANY SUCH
INVITATION AS A THREAT TO US POLICY INTERESTS, TO THE
INTERESTS OF OTHER RESPONSIBLE FRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS, AS
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WELL AS TO ORDERLY LOS PROCEDURES AND TO THE UNITED STATES

ITSELF.

2. WE HOPE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO RAISE SUBJECT ANEW AT
HIGHEST APPROPRIATE LEVEL IN TIME TO PERSUADE GOA OF MERITS
OF VOTING AGAINST INVITATION. YOU SHOULD DEVELOP ARGUMEN-
TATION SET FORTH REF B AS APPROPRIATE TO LOCAL SITUATION
AND ALSO APPEAL TO AUSTRIAN GOOD SENSE AND RESPONSIBILITY
TO HELP DEFEAT THIS IRRESPONSIBLE EFFORT TO POLITICIZE
LOS IN MANNER PREJUDICIAL TO ITS PURPOSES AND TO GVN. WE

THINK THAT UPON REFLECTION THE AUSTRIANS COULD BE BROUGHT
TO REALIZE THAT ABSTENTION FOR REASON CITED BY STEINER
WOULD UNCHARACTERISTICALLY PUT EXPEDIENCY VERY FAR AHEAD
OF PRINCIPLE ON THIS IMPORTANT MATTER. RUSH

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